GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided by the BSNL, in the State of Andhra Pradesh for both land-line and mobile separately;

(b) whether any complaints have been received regarding non- availability of pre-paid SIM cards of BSNL in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to ensure availability of BSNL pre- paid SIM cards;

(d) whether the BSNL proposes to expand its rural telephone service in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The district-wise telephone connections provided by BSNL in the state of Andhra Pradesh separately for both landline and mobile telephones are furnished in Annexure-I.

(b) As on 31.03.2005, against a cellular capacity of 8,22,916 lines, 8,14,667 mobile connections have been provided in Andhra Pradesh. Due to capacity constraints, the release of pre-paid mobile connections has been temporarily controlled.

(c) The expansion of mobile network capacity by additional 10.5 Lac is under progress. The supply o SIM card is expected to be progressively available from July 2005 onwards.

(d) Yes Sir, it is planned to add 2 lakh lines of CDMA technology WLL connections to clear the scattered demand including Rural areas during current financial year.

(e) The district-wise details are given in Annexure-II.

(f) Does not arise in view of para (d) above.

Annexure-I

DISTRICT WISE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED (LL+MOBILE) AS ON 31-3-05

S N	Name of the District	Connections provided during 2004-05				Status as on 31-3-05			
		Land Line	FWT	Mobile WLL	Cell Connections	Land Line	FWT	Mobile WLL	Cell Connections
1	ADILABAD	-762	711	925	5431	66296	880	1067	16416
2	ANANTHAPUR	3461	1535	1369	7711	101695	2053	1678	32646
3	CHITTOOR	1557	259	1902	13226	142961	387	5150	35502
4	CUDDAPAH	2690	1137	844	10476	97607	1356	2680	22373
5	EAST GODAVARI	7366	0	0	15345	213562	0	0	40933
6	GUNTUR	12536	380	594	12018	221320	3152	5156	44344
7	HYDERABAD	-13355	-83	-10075	30364	397755	3519	8590	173521
8	KARIMNAGAR	-6100	531	927	1804	124206	2633	1008	26118
9	KHAMMAM	-363	486	1017	10431	86406	827	3886	24161
10	KRISHNA	7657	154	79	20398	224171	154	79	55326
11	KURNOOL	3187	0	0	6190	106558	0	0	27154
12	MAHABOOBNAGAR	3994	1233	140	10705	88091	3504	1284	19188
13	MEDAK	-2036	1138	413	4330	75262	3548	431	18429

14	NALGONDA	3269	1446	1132	10800	113639	1737	2054	22282
15	NELLORE	3786	249	794	850	113341	1490	1929	53751
16	NIZAMABAD	-1305	1129	976	2352	91841	1324	1178	22738
17	PRAKASHAM	226	1220	997	7056	101512	1346	1200	17824
18	RANGAREDDY	-6632	-51	479	6273	246599	1393	859	8937
19	SRIKAKULAM	159	1357	803	16375	52539	1722	1908	22292
20	VISAKHAPATANAM	714	718	2181	18687	154059	774	2460	47066
21	VOZOAMAGARAM	2482	302	2027	10967	51315	506	4029	17605
22	WARAMGAL	-8468	1196	1126	10436	98863	1962	5507	23326
23	WEST GPDAVARI	11121	0	0	14565	207910	0	0	42735
	TOTAL	25184	15047	8650	246790	3177508	34267	52133	814667

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRICT WISE BSNL AP CIRCLE PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF WLL SERVICES AND VPTs IN UN COVERED VILLAGES DURING 2005-06

S.NO	NAME OF SSA	ADDITION OF TOTAL WLL CAPACITY IN 2005-06	VPTS PLANNED IN UN COVERED VILLAGES DURING 2005-06
1	ADILABAD	9750	40
2	ANANTHAPUR	14250	20
3	CHITTOOR	12000	25
4	CUDDAPAH	12000	28
5	EAST GODAVARI	15750	9
6	GUNTUR-R	10500	0
7	HYDERABAD #	8250	0
8	KARIMNAGAR	9000	26
9	KHAMMAM	9000	4
10	KRISHNA	12000	0
11	KURNOOL	15750	2
12	MAHABOOBNAGAR	9000	15
13	MEDAK	8250	12
14	NALGONDA	10500	12
15	NELLORE	12000	22
16	NIZAMABAD	7500	18
17	PRAKASAM	12000	51
18	SRIKAKAULAM	6000	33
19	VIZAG	7500	34
20	VIZIJNAGARAM	5250	18
21	WEST GODAWARI	13500	0
22	WARAMGAL	7500	31
	TOTAL	227250	400

= Rangareddy district included